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Even Senator Joe McCarthy Never Went So Far

WE ARE GLAD that the activities of the semi-secret John Birch Society and its national leader, Robert Welch, have become topics of public discussion in the United States Senate.

Public disclosure of the curious convictions that typify the society is the most efficacious remedy to the malady. Senator Milton Young, a North Dakota Republican, complained that the society has accused him of "being about every kind of a scoundrel, including a Communist or pro-Communist."

The most shocking tenets of Mr. Welch, however, are included in his book, *The Politician*. Responsible conservatives and liberals alike are repelled by his flat assertion that "Mil-

ton Eisenhower is actually Dwight Eisenhower's superior and boss within the Communist Party."

To Mr. Welch, the late John Foster Dulles was "a Communist agent;" C.I.A. director Allen Dulles is "the most protected and untouchable supporter of Communism next to Eisenhower himself, in Washington."

Mr. Welch is further possessed of the idea that the federal income tax and Social Security are part of a plot to prepare the United States for Communist conquest.

These beliefs exceed anything ever expounded by the late Senator Joe McCarthy, as Senator Young pointed out. They discredit responsible conservatism and do disservice to America.